

## What Is the Gary Plan?

By ALICE BARROWS FERNANDEZ

Tribune readers will find in this department a clear and authoritative account of the Wirt school system, proposed for this city. Questions of parents and teachers will be gladly answered. The department will appear on Mondays and Thursdays.

What the Gary Plan Does:  
It takes children off the streets and keeps them wholesome busy at work, study and play for six or seven hours a day.

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To teachers—no more hours of teaching; more congenial work.  
To the community—better citizens; better schools for less cost.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

"Sir: I am interested in the Gary plan, which is proposed to be adopted in the public schools of this city, especially that part of it in which religious instruction is to be given. Now, the writer of the article in this morning's issue—Alice Barrows Fernandez—attempts to give the impression that there is no conflict of interests in this connection of religion with the schools. But it will be noted that the children are taken out of the regular school periods to be given religious instruction. The school hours being but few in number, this time should be given wholly to secular studies, and the device influence of creeds should not under any circumstances, however apparent, be permitted to interfere with the school hours. After that, of course, it is the private affair of the pupils. As a concrete illustration of the noxious effect of this phase of the Gary plan, I would state that a Board of Education seats for the pupils undergoing religious instruction, which was complied with, this act alone proving the potential danger of the Gary system in that it is conducive to division of the public school funds for the support of religious education. As another instance of the evil immanent in such religious instruction during school hours, I may cite the case of a teacher accused of proselytizing, which was given some prominence recently in the daily papers." WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS.

"This is one of many letters that have been received on the subject of permitting children to leave school for religious instruction. As it covers many of the points in dispute in this controversy, we are glad to answer it in length. Religious Instruction Not Substituted for Regular School Work.

Evidently it is important to repeat again and again that children are not taken out of the regular school periods to be given religious instruction. It seems strange that there should be such widespread misunderstanding on this point. The only explanation is that the opponents of the Gary plan, in their attempts to prejudice the public, have spread the impression that religious instruction is being substituted for regular school work. We repeat that:

1. Under the Gary plan no children are excused from regular school periods to take religious instruction outside of the school or to engage in any other activity outside of the school.  
2. If parents so desire, children may be excused for one hour a day from library, play or auditorium to attend religious instruction outside of the school, or to take private music lessons, or to engage in some other outside activity which their parents think would benefit them.  
3. No child may be excused even from library, play or auditorium for religious instruction outside of the school, or any other outside activity, if their parents do not so desire. The responsibility rests with the parents. The thing



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## Europe's War Wanderers Will Be Directed to American Farms if This Girl's Project Succeeds.

**Young Miss Appleton Tells of the Successful Beginnings of Her Plan to Place Women and Children on Farms, Where They Can Begin Life Anew, Not Through Charity, but by Self-Help.**

SIX WEEKS after the present war was declared an American girl was travelling through France on her way home from Paris. In the compartment with her and her mother were fourteen refugees. One of these was a farmer, too old for service, with whom she entered into conversation.

She learned that he had been shifted about from one station to another and back again ever since his home had been destroyed. He would ride for an hour in a train, when he would be ordered to another. For two weeks he had been drifting thus, and there was now no prospect of a destination. He literally had no place to go.

In the same train with the American girl was also a carload of women and children, packed together like sheep. No one could have entered the car when the train stopped at a station, but a young man, whose deformed shoulder was obviously the reason he was not at the front, saw his baby at the window, and, reaching in, pulled it out to him.

With the little, starving creature hung over his crippled shoulder he approached the American girl, who was distributing food from her hamper, and asked for a biscuit for the baby, which had had nothing to eat for two days.

The girl was Miss Caroline Dawes Appleton, and these two incidents, which were typical of thousands of others, were the reasons why when she returned to New York she founded the International Society of Friends of Childhood, and why now she has taken upon herself the task of providing homes in America for the millions of foreigners who will be left homeless by the war.

It is somewhat overwhelming to hear this girl of twenty years discuss what nationalities will be best suited to the various climates in America, what problems of transportation and immigration must be faced, what arrangements can be made for grants of land.

### LADY PAGET WILL STICK TO POST

**Capture of Hospital by Bulgars Makes No Difference, She Wires Husband.**

London, Oct. 27.—The hospital in Serbia of Lady Ralph Paget, wife of the Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has fallen into the hands of the Bulgarians through their capture of Skopje. There are several Americans on the staff.

A telegram received to-day by Sir Ralph says that Lady Paget and the staff intend to remain at their post, and that it is not thought their position is perilous. The hospital probably will be internationalized. Otherwise the staff probably will be interned.

Louisa Margaret, daughter of Sir Arthur and Lady Paget, was married in 1907 to her cousin, Sir Ralph Paget, British Minister to Serbia, 1910-13. Her mother is a daughter of the late Parson Stevens, at one time owner of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

During her residence at the British Legation in Belgrade Lady Paget became deeply interested in Balkan life and the welfare of the Serbian people, and she was one of the principal organizers of the hospital service in Serbia during the war of 1912.

When the present war broke out, though in fragile health, she insisted on leaving England against doctors' orders to resume the work carried on for two years among people to whom field hospitals before her advent were unknown.

In March last a report was published in a Serbian daily, reproduced in Berlin, and published thence to the world by the Overseas News Agency, that Lady Paget had died from spotted fever.

### STOKES RETURNS TO INDIA

**Native Wife of Rich Missionary Is Glad to Go Home.**

Samuel Evans Stokes, who renounced the pleasures of social life in Philadelphia about ten years ago to do missionary work in India, sailed yesterday with his Hindu wife on the Baltic to Kotgarh, in the Himalayas. Mr. Stokes is a member of a wealthy Philadelphia family. He returned in April, 1914, with his eighteen-year-old Indian wife. He has two sons.

Mrs. Stokes, who has rejected her native costume for American clothing since her arrival in the country, would not tell what she thought of American women and customs.

"She has her ideas on these things," her husband explained for her, "but she doesn't care to talk much about them. I don't know just what she thinks about suffrage. Women in India have not so much use for the vote as they have here. Mrs. Stokes has enjoyed her first visit to America, but she says she will be glad to get back. Her people live in India, of course, and she misses them."

### CHINESE MOB KILLS CHRISTIANS IN KANSU

Peking, Sept. 29.—Letters from Belgian priests telling of the burning of churches and the slaughter of Christians in Kansu have been received by the Belgian Legation in Peking.

The uprising occurred at Hoi-hsien on August 15. Chang Che-deel led the riot, which was largely a demonstration against oppression by officials who have levied excessive taxes. Two Christian churches were burned and five Chinese Christians were killed by the mob, which numbered 2,000 when the Belgian priests made their escape.

All the Christians and thousands of other natives fled into the hills from Hoi-hsien. Most of the property of Christians was destroyed. The military was unable to check the mob, which moved on toward the large city of King-yang-fu.

This riot is typical of frequent uprisings in some of the interior provinces far from military centres. Szechuen province, which adjoins Kansu, is one of the most turbulent sections of China. General Shen Yi, Governor of Szechuen, recently obtained

"The plan is entirely based on co-operation," said Miss Appleton. "It would be a wonderful thing for us to have all these new people bringing their new ideas to us, and it will be a wonderful thing for those destitute people to have a place to come to."

"This plan is absolutely without taint of charity. We wish to provide five and ten acre tracts of land, equipped with a furnished house, mule, cow, chickens and farming implements. This will give the refugees a start, and they can then buy these places for permanent homes if they like, or return to their own countries after being tided over the worst period."

"We do not want the land given outright, as that would react unfortunately on the people whom we wish to help. Already 4,600 acres have been proffered us in North Carolina and Tennessee, the owners letting us have it so that the rest of their property will be salable. We prefer that those who wish to give should give in other ways—in providing music, art and any kind of education for which these incoming children may have a taste."

"Much farming, particularly in the South, can be done intensively. That requires more mental and less physical labor than we connect with ordinary farming. And that will be the best kind of farming for women and children, although European peasant women can work side by side with men when it is necessary."

### Help for Women and Children.

"It is particularly the women and children we wish to help. We have friends in Europe now selecting the families best suited to our purpose. Men will not, of course, be excluded, especially those who, though unfitted now for actual labor, have theories on farming which others can execute. But we particularly wish to help those who

\$600,000 from the central government for the suppression of brigands.

### SEES WAR IN CITIZENS UNION

**Griffenhagen Asserts Indorsement of Tammany Candidate for Sheriff Threatens Open Split.**

There is every prospect of an open split in the Citizens Union because of its indorsement of Alfred E. Smith, Tammany candidate for Sheriff, according to Sheriff Max S. Griffenhagen, who spoke last night to a large audience at Yorkville Casino in behalf of Undersecretary Frank K. Bowers, Republican candidate.

"Letters are beginning to pour in on me from indignant members of the Citizens Union," said the Sheriff, who represents the newborn alliance between Tammany and the union's executive committee. Other members are writing, I am informed, to Chairman Schiefelin, and there is every prospect of an open split in the union. Such a split can only be avoided, I believe, by a recantation of this unholy alliance between Fourteenth Street and 41 Park Row."

Mr. Griffenhagen read a letter addressed to Mr. Schiefelin by Joseph Beihl, a lawyer, of 2 Rector Street, and a member of the union, in which he denounced the action of the union in indorsing Smith.

### MRS. GALT LOSES NAMESAKE

**No Chinese Word for "Edith," and She Wasn't a Suffragist.**

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Edith Galt, President Wilson's fiancée, has lost a Chinese namesake for two reasons. First, there is no suitable Chinese word equivalent to "Edith," and again, Mrs. Galt is not a suffragist.

Joseph Lee, interpreter in the Immigration Service, and his wife, who are the parents of a rollicking two-year-old girl, wanted to honor Mrs. Galt, and consulted the doctor who brought the child into the world, and who happens to be a woman and a suffragist. The parents decided on "Edith," but they could not find a Chinese word for "gift of God" to fit such a small girl, so they named the baby Helen, after the suffragist doctor. They said that they wanted her to be a suffragist, anyhow. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are ardent for the cause of votes.

### TIEPOLO'S FRESCO RUINED

Rome, Oct. 27.—An examination of the famous Scalzi Church in Venice, which suffered in the recent raid on the city by aircraft, shows that the first bomb fell in the left nave. It demolished two beams and pierced the ceiling, which was entirely destroyed by the second bomb.

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"It will be no small thing for America to have this fine crop of young men and women growing up to become her citizens, and I don't wish them put into factories, but for their sake and for ours to grow out in the open air and sunshine."

"Mrs. John Leckie, one of the most prominent women now selecting families for us in London, says that her name State of Texas would take care of every refugee in Europe. Just yesterday a Vermont man suggested that Scotch people would acclimate themselves readily to the hilly nature of the Green Mountain State. The Montenegris—how little Americans know of them and what a fine people they are! French, Prussian, Serbian, Belgian—we want them all. But we do not want to have them form Little Belgium or Little Prussia—we want them to mix with each other and with us so that

they will benefit us and we shall benefit them!"

She Herself Directs Whole Project.

Miss Appleton uses "we" somewhat editorially. For she is the whole project. She has carefully refrained from the cumbersome red tape of an organization, and she and her mother defray the expenses necessary for getting the scheme into execution. Railroad officials and development companies are, of course, glad to co-operate, and many prominent people contribute assistance of various kinds. Among those most actively interesting themselves in the plan are the Hon. Theodore Marburg, former Ambassador to Belgium; Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago; Mrs. Henry Villard, Mrs. John Milholland, Mrs. Walter H. Gahagan, of New York, and others, including many influential men and women in Europe.

"I can't send out circulars because I have to do my work through letters," said Miss Appleton. "No one-cent stamps possible now—all two cents."

### LOSES ON CUPID PREFERRED

**Actress Must Put Up \$700 Margin in Broker's Wife's Love Suit.**

Perhaps it was a jury of what is known in Wall Street as bears who yesterday gave Mrs. Anna Mitchell a verdict of \$700 against Mrs. Ruth Austin for the alienation of the affections of James Murray Mitchell.

Mitchell is a stock broker, and his wife figured his lost affections worth \$25,000, for which amount she sued Mrs. Austin, who is a motion picture actress. However, the verdict hardly reflects the reported present prosperity of the stock market. It was shown that Mitchell, formerly rich, had lost most of his fortune in 1913, so while the jury was satisfied that the defendant did alienate the affections of Mitchell they also took into consideration that it happened in a bear market.

### \$4 MEAL HIS SWAN SONG.

**Lilt Writer Seeks to Pay Check in Promises and Is Fined.**

When Joseph Goodwin, a Central Valley, N. Y., song writer, finished his \$4 meal at Jack's early yesterday morning he suggested to Joseph Keogh, the waiter, that in view of the large amounts he had paid there this bill be considered a loan, as he happened to be without funds.

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